

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet Office for the Blind to hold public hearings in May

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FRANKFORT, Ky. – The Kentucky Office for the Blind (OFB) has scheduled four public hearings to give consumers and other interested individuals an opportunity to comment on proposed changes to OFB policies. The three areas under consideration for changes are the training assistance policy, cataract surgery policy and order of selection.

The public hearing schedule follows.

- Lexington: 3 - 5 p.m. (EST), May 21, Independence Place, 1093 S. Broadway. Contact: Charles Shropshire, 1-800-291-8424.
- Ashland: 3 - 5 p.m. (EST), May 23, Kentucky Office for the Blind, 411 9th St. Contact: Teresa Lester, 1-800-334-6881.
- Louisville: 3 - 5 p.m. (EST), May 24, Charles McDowell Center, 8412 Westport Road. Contact: Pam Minton, 1-800-346-2115.
- Owensboro: 3 – 5 p.m. (CST), May 25, Kentucky Office for the Blind, 121 E. 2nd St. Contact: Bridget Parish, 1-800-334-6929.

Kentuckians who are unable to attend a forum may send comments in any format (written, phone call, in person, etc.) through May 31, 2012. Comments may be sent in writing to the Kentucky Office for the Blind, 275 E. Main St., Mail Drop 2-EJ, Frankfort, KY 40621, via e-mail to AllisonF.Jessee@ky.gov, fax at 502-564-2951 or call 1-800-321-6668. If any reasonable accommodations for a disability are required for participation at a public hearing, please call 1-800-321-6668 by May 14, 2012.

Draft policies are posted at <http://blind.ky.gov> for review prior to the hearings. Alternative formats of draft policies may be provided upon request at 1-800-321-6668.

The Office for the Blind, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet's Department of Workforce Investment, assists Kentuckians with disabilities to achieve gainful employment and independence. For more information about services, call the office toll free at 1-800-321-6668 or visit the OFB website at <http://www.blind.ky.gov>.

The Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet coordinates learning programs from P-16 and manages and supports training and employment functions in the Department of Workforce Investment. For more information about our programs, visit www.educationcabinet.ky.gov or www.workforce.ky.gov.